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1. The National Committee¹ of the Communist Party of Brazil (PCB) has outlined a program for a nation-wide series of strikes. The first strike is to be in the Federal District in the Mavillis factory, which is located on Rua General Gurjao #61 in the district of Sao Cristovao. This strike is being organized by the PCB Metropolitan Committee² and will be carried out by the PCB District Committee in Sao Cristovao.
2. The PCB has 169 members in Sao Cristovao, all of whom are considered to be faithful militant members. Of this number the 13 employed in the Mavillis factory are reported to have done a thorough job of preparing the 1800 workers in the factory to strike in support of exaggerated demands for increased salaries and better working conditions. The entire Communist organization of Sao Cristovao is prepared to take an active part in this strike, forming picket lines, distributing propaganda, and creating a state of agitation which it hopes will lead to violence. Even if this strike is not successful the Metropolitan Committee plans to go ahead with other strikes, which are being organized by cell leaders in several factories throughout the city.
3. During October, Communists in the Federal District concentrated on campaigning for the legalization of the PCB and for official recognition of the USSR. The campaign is conducted by a committee directed by Milton Jose Lobato,³ a physician, from offices at Praça Floriano #55. Members of the committee approach prominent Brazilians and try to influence them to support the two demands; the campaign is believed to have achieved some success. Two of its most successful propagandists are reported to be Henrique Miranda,⁴ who is presently serving in the Municipal Chamber, and Moacir Paixao e Silva.
4. The Communists also launched a strong anti-American drive during October, distributing thousands of leaflets and pamphlets calling for the expulsion of Yankee imperialists from Brazil. This work is directed by the PCB Metropolitan Committee, and all Party militants down to cell level are active in distributing the anti-American propaganda. The Centro de Estudos e Defesa do Petroleo e da Economia Nacional (Center for the Study and Defense of Petroleum and the National Economy--CEDPEN)⁵, which held several meetings in October,

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continued its anti-American activities. One important meeting of CEDPEN, held in the headquarters of the Uniao Nacional dos Estudantes (National Students' Union--UNE), was attended by the following:

General Felicissimo Cardoso
General Armando Caraubia
Luiz Fernando Lobo Carneiro
Dona Guimor Damasceno
Milton Jose Lobato
Henrique Miranda

Maria Augusto Tibirica de Miranda
Elina Mochel Mattos
Roberto Morana
Nieta Campos da Paz
Oscar Salcedo
Leao Traigler
Marie Emilie Tuminelli

5. Police in the Federal District are continuing their repressive action against open Communist agitation by breaking up lightning meetings and arresting Communists caught distributing propaganda. Among those recently arrested were Lucio de Abreu, Jose Teodoro Padilha Sodre, and Luiz Carlos Lemes. Lemes, who is the Communist leader in the National Engineering School, was born in the Federal District on 29 September 1928, the son of Pascoal Lemes and Claudina de Barros Vasconcellos Lemes, and resides at Rua Santa Terezinha #14. It is reported that both of his parents are Communists and that Lemes himself has been an active Communist for over ten years.
6. Other Communist agitators recently arrested by the police in the Federal District are the following:

Moyse Abramovitch, single, 18 years of age, resident of Rua Julio de Carmo #63.

Fania Abulak, single, 28 years of age, resident of Av. Democraticos #249.

Nery Pais de Almeida, 36 years of age, resident of Rua Sao Gabriel #920.

Hugo Alves, married, 44 years of age, resident of Rua Marechal Agricola #636.

Juarez da Costa Alves, single, 21 years of age, resident of Rua do Proposito #106.

Jose Rosa de Andrade, 21 years of age, resident of Rua Dezoito #23.

Antonio de Araujo, a native of Rio Grande do Sul, now living on Rua do Mercado #12, 2nd floor.

Francisco de Assis Azevedo, single, 43 years of age, tailor, resident of Rua Luiz Gama #39.

Cirio Alves Barbosa, 58 years of age, resident of Rua Pinto Telles #687.

Venicio Barbosa, single, 27 years of age, resident of Rua Camerino.

Elias Galeja, 39 years of age, resident of Travessa Cel. Azevedo 364, steel worker.

Joaquim David Costa, married, 43 years of age, resident of Rua Cataguases #122, C/6.

Waldir Nunes da Costa, married, employee of the Banco Boa Vista, 29 years of age, resident of Av. Copacabana #1227, apt. 301.

Durval Dias Duarte, 53 years of age, married, resident of Rua Dr. Padilha #22.

Abram Josef Eksterman, son of Mossezek Jankiel and Liba Eksterman, born in Ryki, Poland on 1 August 1935, resident of Rua Barao de Mesquita, #235.

Szymul Ida Fucks, son of Moyse and Felicia Fucks, born in Lublin, Poland on 26 December 1933, resident of Rua Julio de Carmo #63.

Vicente de Paula Cavalcante Maranhao, 26 years of age, employee of the Banco Nacional Ultramarino, resident of Rua Licio Cardoso #271.

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Marcos Martins, single, 21 years of age, resident of Rua Paulo Eeiro #74.

Dantes Edmundo Montez Junior, married, 31 years of age, resident of Rua Cabucu #46.

Eduardo Resende, married, 41 years of age, resident of Rua Campos de Paz #255.

Epitacio Jose da Silva,¹ 36 years of age, married, employee of the Marine Arsenal, resident of Rua Pereira de Figueiredo #377.

Roberto Martins da Silva, 32 years of age, employee of the Banco do Brazil, resident of Rua Bolivar #7 apt. 1.

Silvio Ferreira da Silva, single, employee of the Municipality, resident of Rua Francisco Eugenio #47.

Jose Soares, a barber, 47 years of age, single, resident of Rua Campinas #95.

Renato Souza, married, 43 years of age, employee of the Banco Boa Vista, resident of Rua Taquarimbo #36.

Rafael Sustak, single, resident of Av. dos Democraticos #249.

Jacob Zaleman, single, 18 years of age, resident of Rua Benedita Hipolito, #8.

Rebecca Wigdorovicz Zoladz, single, 20 years of age, resident of Rua Pedro II, #177, apt. 201.

7. Police believe that the following individuals are attempting to influence members of the armed forces towards Communism:

Pedro Coutinho,⁶ an engineer who resides at Rua Apolonio Pinto.

Yoshio Ide, 26, resident of Rua Azalias #65 and husband of militant Communist Sara Dib.

Maria Marques de Oliveira, a widow who resides at Rua Regente Feijo #49 and reportedly recently gave a party for members of the military police.

Sabato Schiavo, 61, an Italian who resides at Rua Domingos Magalhaes #235, where he operates a barber shop; he reportedly engages in pro-Communist activities among Italians, and works with the brothers Peidade and Bento Ribiero, well-known Communist agitators.

Withold Setecz, a Lithuanian.

8. There follows a list of the officers and active members of the Communist-dominated Sindicato dos Trabalhadores em Hotéis, Restaurantes e Similares do Rio de Janeiro (Union of Rio de Janeiro Hotel and Restaurant Employees)⁷:

President: Jorge Gonçalves
Secretary: Jose Fernandes Pereira Lopes
Treasurer: Hedejen Jose Faria⁸
Members of the Fiscal Council:

Antonio Luiz de Barros
Jose Caballero
Alcino H. Costa
Delcio Rebello Costa
Jorge da Costa
Domoris P. Couto
Victourino Dias
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Jose Francisco Longo
Jose Francisco Loureiro
Silvestre Machado
Sebastiao Mandriali
Francisco Ramos Manhaes
Alcides Afonso Mendonca
Jose Alves da Mota
Jose Querin de Oliveira
Seledino Menezes de Oliveira

Oscar Gomes Pereira
Delmiro Rodrigues
Ermelino Rodrigues
Jesus Rodrigues
Costa Rocha
Gabriel Marcelino Santana
Sebastiao Luiz dos Santos
Jose Costa da Silva
Miguel Pedro da Silva
Osmar Martins Simas
Manoel Siqueira Filho
Vonival Gomes Sodre
Antonio de Souza
Jose Squef
David Teixeira
Azeumes Pereira Vasques
Mariano Cornelio Witrowski
Godofredo Xavier

9. Of the 83 persons arrested in the October 19 police raid on the headquarters of the Associação Profissional dos Trabalhadores do Arsenal Marinha (Marine Arsenal Workers' Association--APTAM)¹, 53 had records of previous arrests for Communist activities. There follows a list of these individuals.

Odorico Gomes Cavalcanti
de Albuquerque
Jovelino de Andrade
Francisco Bastos
Aparicio Gonçalves Braga
Jose de Sousa Caldeiras
Humberto Alves Campelo
Jose Pereira de Carvalho
Aluisio Vieira da Cunha
Durval Dias Duarte
Durval Gomes de Faria
Eduardo Figueiredo
Sandoval Andrade Figueiredo
Siguiberto Figueira
Antonio Garcia
Jose Marcelino Geraldos
Claudianor Hart
Francisco Ferreira Leite
Antonio Correia Lima
Joao de Almeida Lima
Alamir Maciel Linhares
Antonio Marciano
Aloisio Alvaro Lopes Martins
Luis Renato de Medeiros
Antonio de Padua Ramos Mello
Manoel Furtado de Mello
Antonio Padua de Moraes
Hilario Neves de Moraes

Braulio Alves do Nascimento
Jose Marcelino de Nascimento
Manoel Jamario do Nascimento
Joao Cavalcanti Neri
Marcelino Francisco Nunes
Antonio Correia de Oliveira
Alacio Pereira
Ernesto Justino Pereira Filho
Salvador Germino Pina
Jose Teixeira Rolim
Antonio Martins dos Santos
Florencio Valerio dos Santos
Francisco Isidoro dos Santos
Jarbas Rocha dos Santos
Jayme Tomas dos Santos
Walter Pereira dos Santos
Frederico Gomes da Silva
Jorge Silva
Jose Paulo da Silva
Elsi Silveira
Edgard Joaquim Soares
Edalmo de Souza
Pedro Rodrigues de Souza
Verissimo Ferreira de Souza
Rubens Tavares
Luiz Simoes Tremoços

10. As a result of recent legislation introduced in the Federal District by Senator Hamilton Nogueira, customs officials in Rio de Janeiro have begun to take action to prevent the Communist weekly Voz Operaria⁹ and the Communist A Classe Operaria,¹⁰ which makes an occasional appearance, from obtaining paper illegally. The distribution of paper to the various newspapers and other publications is on a quota basis, and the directors of the Communist press have been unable to obtain sufficient paper under this system to enable them to print either Voz Operaria or A Classe Operaria. Until this situation can be remedied, the Communists will be able to print only a few copies of Voz Operaria each week. These editions are to be passed to leading Party members and to the heads of the various districts; each district leader has been charged by the secretary of propaganda of the PCB Municipal Committee with mimeographing a sufficient number of copies of Voz Operaria to cover the needs of his particular district.

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